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Final

Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, September 18, 2023 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Community Safety Committee on October 4, 2023.

Present:	8 -	Councillor N. Nigussie
		R. Garvin
		G. Kavanagh
		R. Meier
		K MacDonald
		L. Pope
		E. Saba
		D. Smith
Absent:	2 -	W. Delo
		C. Kenwell

STAFF:
Abilities and Accessibility Management Specialist, C. Dillon
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Legislative Coordinator, S. Drury.

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

WORK PLAN

The Committee provided ideas and feedback for the Committee's work plan to be accomplished for the 2022-2026 term. They discussed items that included accessible housing, accessible transportation, seniors' access to emergency services, educating seniors and building awareness on the long-term care crisis and how to age at home, a seniors and accessibility fair to take place during the National AccessAbility Week and Seniors Month in 2024, accessible parks, and the move of the Barrie Advance newspaper to a digital-only model.

The Committee agreed to discuss the work plan at the next meeting.

BARRIE ARTS AWARDS AND SAAC SPONSORSHIP

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Cheryl Dillon, Abilities and Accessibility Management Specialist, reported that part of the process of updating the City's 2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is surveying the community to obtain senior and accessibility concerns. Committee members suggested areas to be included in the survey, including seniors' access to services, parks and Senior Centres, designated seniors' parking, communication methods and the importance of paper communication, suggested changes or improvements to Senior Centres, sidewalk conditions, perceived support from the community, subjective rating of personal activity level and the main barriers people encounter, perceived access to healthcare, and community safety.

Ms. Dillon reported that she will distribute the survey to Committee members when it is finalized.

PAINSWICK PARK UPDATE

Ms. Dillon reported that this item will be deferred until the next meeting, as the Parks Planning Department need more information from the Jump Start Foundation before giving their presentation to the Committee. Committee members praised the redevelopment of the park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

CHAIRMAN